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Tucson, Arizona

Amendment A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

Title: Change to -- Electronic Signature Method

Specification: Please change the specification in accordance with the substitute specification and accompanying statement filed herewith.

Claims: Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 20-39 as follows:

20. A method of electronically signing an electronic transaction record, document, filing, message, binary file or other digital information (hereinafter collectively referred to as "a document" or "the document"), comprising:

a. under control of a client system,

1. sending a client user identifier to a server system;

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